

REMARKS

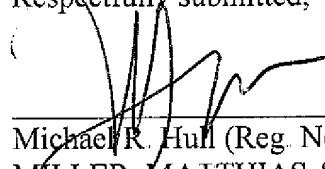
Claim 20 is cancelled. An early action on the merits of claims 1-3 and 5-19 is respectfully requested as all pending claims read on Figs. 3-5. There is simply no justification for restricting and therefore delaying the examination of claims 7 and 15. All claims except claims 7 and 15 are generic to both Species II and III. The Patent Office is urged to examine all pending claims now.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

A one month extension of time is paid herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required under 37 C F R. § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-3629.

Respectfully submitted,

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